CLP Being Tricky By Over-Allocating Water Again

Revelations today of further water allocations in excess of the sustainable yield in the Ooloo Dolostone aquifer prove the CLP simply can't be trusted to sustainably manage the Northern Territory's water resources.

Opposition whip Natasha Fyles said the latest allocations meant the resource was over allocated by more than 22 000 mega litres and put hundreds of jobs at risk and guaranteed serious damage to waterways and the environment.

"The CLP's own figures show the sustainable yield for the Ooloo Dolostone aquifer is 60 000 mega litres per year," Ms Fyles said.

"These latest allocations bring the total allocations up to 82,441 mega litres per year.

"These latest allocations show Adam Giles and his CLP Government have now given up even pretending they are interested in sustainably managing the Territory's water resources.

"It flies in the face of all the available science, all the lessons learnt from the disasters in the Murray Darling and all the concerns raised by Territorians over the last three years.

"This decision concedes that the cumulative effective of maximum extractions in some years could reduce water flows in the Daly.

"This is an attack on Indigenous Territorians who no longer have access to a strategic indigenous reserve, Territory fishers who rely on healthy waterways for healthy fish stocks, our tourism industry that relies on our magnificent natural environment and the jobs that come with it and all those in the community who recently expressed grave concern about the CLP's water allocation policies.

"The CLP’s reckless approach to water allocation destroys jobs and will do enormous damage to the environment. They simply can't be trusted with water.

"Only Territory Labor has the policies and the credibility to ensure our precious water resources are managed sustainability – for jobs and for the environment."

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